

Kid-Zone 3

Old Roan Methodist Church, Altway, Aintree, Liverpool L10 6LF



Inspection date

10 July 2019

Previous inspection date

5 December 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Requires improvement	3
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Requires improvement	3
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Requires improvement	3
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Requires improvement	3
Outcomes for children		Not Applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This is a provision that requires improvement

- The key-person system is not effective. Leaders do not assign each child a key person and inform parents in order to fully support children's interests and meet their needs.
- Leaders do not always use evaluation effectively enough to identify weaknesses in staff's understanding of their roles and responsibilities.
- Although partnerships with parents are established initially, parents are not always fully informed about changes at the club. Parental feedback is not currently taken into account as part of the evaluation process.

It has the following strengths

- Staff have a good knowledge and understanding of how children learn through play. They provide children with a wide range of activities that interest them. This complements the experiences that they receive at school.
- Staff are positive role models for children. They speak to children in a respectful manner. Children are polite, considerate and behave well. They have built positive friendships with other children and play cooperatively with each other. Children welcome visitors to the club.
- Children are independent. They enjoy taking responsibility for simple, manageable tasks and making choices in their play. They demonstrate good social skills and play well together across a range of ages.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
implement an effective key-person system so each child's individual interests are fully known and catered for consistently.	31/07/2019

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- develop self-evaluation of the setting to identify areas for improvement and to ensure no breaches of statutory requirements occur
- extend further the partnerships with parents and include them more fully in self-evaluation to help raise the quality of the provision for children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the quality of staff practice during activities, and assessed the impact this has on children's play and progress.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as a sample of policies and procedures, risk assessments and evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff working in the setting.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.

Inspector
Suzy Marsh

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management requires improvement

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a good knowledge of the signs that indicate a child might be at risk. They have completed child protection training, and understand their role in relation to keeping children safe and protecting them from harm. Leaders support staff to attend relevant training, for example, to improve early years knowledge. However, the provider does not make full use of self-evaluation to identify the strengths and areas for development in staff practice precisely enough. Staff develop effective relationships with the schools children attend. They talk to teachers about children's individual needs and share information to ensure continuity in children's care and learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment requires improvement

Due to weaknesses in the key-person system, staff and leaders do not consistently gather information from parents and children. Staff and leaders have not fully considered parent's views to contribute to future improvement. However, children enjoy their time at the club and select from a range of age-appropriate play activities. Staff provide indoor play opportunities, such as computer games, painting, drawing activities and reading. Children enjoy the outdoor fresh air. They actively participate in running and ball games on a safe and secure grassed area, well supported by an adult. Creative activities, such as dough mixing, are popular with the children. Children take pride in the dough mixture and paintings they create and are keen to tell their parents about their achievements.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare require improvement

The provider does not ensure that children have an allocated key person to ensure that their care needs are fully met. Nevertheless, staff provide a welcoming environment. Some staff are not fully confident with their roles and responsibilities. However, staff are vigilant about children's safety. They supervise children while in their care. Staff lock all the external doors to avoid children leaving the premises unnoticed and to prevent unauthorised persons gaining access to the club. Staff help children to understand how to keep safe in different situations. For example, during outdoor play, staff remind children to apply sun cream. As a result, children learn to keep themselves safe in hot weather. Staff promote children's good health. They provide healthy food and children have opportunities to be physically active. For example, they enjoy taking part in energetic team games. Children have opportunities to learn about the wider world through discussions and activities. Children are well behaved and polite. They take turns and help each other. For example, with the support of an adult, the older children help the younger ones with their dough-making activities.

Setting details

Unique reference number	503792
Local authority	Sefton
Inspection number	10106148
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children	4 - 11
Total number of places	72
Number of children on roll	50
Name of registered person	Makinson, Angela Mary
Registered person unique reference number	RP512813
Date of previous inspection	5 December 2014
Telephone number	0151 287 3944

Kid-Zone 3 opened in 2001. It is one of four settings managed by a company. It operates from within the church hall of Old Roan Methodist Church in Aintree, Merseyside. The setting opens five days a week during term time from 3pm to 5.45pm and from 8am to 6pm during holiday periods. There are currently six staff, of whom five have qualifications at level 3 or above.

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